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Applicants: R. Sprycha et al.)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 7). Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended): A non-aqueous lamination ink formulation or dispersion comprising: (a) a resin; (b) a non-fluorescent pigment; (c) an organic solvent; and (d) a viscosity stabilizing, resolubility promoting, water[-]soluble compound selected from the group consisting of base, aminoalcohol, acid and aminoacid.
2. (original): The ink formulation or dispersion of claim 1, wherein the resin is a polyamide resin.
3. (currently amended): The ink formulation or dispersion of claim 1, wherein the non-fluorescent pigment is selected from the group consisting of monoazo